

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-21 and 23-26 are pending in this application. Claim 5, 14 and 22 have been cancelled. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 are amended and claims 23-26 are added. Reconsideration of the present application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies shown Applicants' representative by Examiner Chieu during the June 21 personal interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8-9, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,974,219 to Fujita in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,468 to Guy and U.S. Patent No. 5,701,383 to Russo; claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita in view of Guy, Russo and U.S. Patent No. 6,052,508 to Mincy; claims 10-11, 13, 15 and 17-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,386 to Aotake; and claims 12 and 16 are rejected under 35. U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fujita in view of Aotake and Mincy. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

As discussed in the personal interview, none of the applied art disclose a system that uses structured representations to index recordings of activity comprising an indexing device that adds recordings of activity to at least one index as the activity is recorded, indexes recordings of activity, and edits recordings of activity based on a user input, as recited in claim 1, and similarly recited in claim 10.

Instead, Russo merely discloses a video time-shifting system and is directed to broadcasting (Abstract; col. 4, lines 1-11); Fujita discloses an editing method (Abstract);

Aotake discloses a recording/playback apparatus (Abstract); Mincy discloses the digital capture of both video and audio information, a recorder display, and video editing (Abstract; Fig. 10; col. 1, lines 1-10); Guy discloses a remote learning system (Abstract); and Cruz discloses a system for recording and playing back multimedia events (Abstract).

In Aotake, Russo, Guy and Fujita the video has already been recorded, no further recording occurs, and the video is merely broadcasted. As such, Aotake, Russo, Guy and Fujita can not provide the features discussed above. Cruz and Mincy are the only references which disclose video editing; however, these references also fail to disclose the features recited above. For example, Cruz fails to disclose editing or indexing and Mincy fails to disclose an indexing device.

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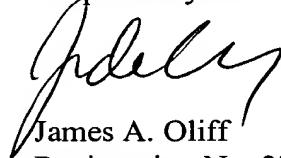
For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 10 are distinguishable over the applied art. Furthermore, those claims which depend from claims 1 and 10 are likewise distinguishable over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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